

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 728

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A RESOLUTION to direct the commissioner of education and the comptroller of the treasury to conduct a comprehensive study of the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.

WHEREAS, the Education Improvement Act, which authorized the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula, was enacted by the General Assembly in light of the Tennessee Supreme Court ruling of *Tennessee Small School Systems v. McWherter*, mandating a reallocation of state funding for Tennessee school systems; and

WHEREAS, since that time education funding has become more complex, thus creating the need for change to the BEP funding formula that will simplify the process and lend clarity to the components and methods utilized; and

WHEREAS, on the twentieth anniversary of the BEP funding formula, a comprehensive review and study should be undertaken by state officials; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the commissioner of education and the comptroller of the treasury are hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula and issue a final report, including any recommendations and proposed legislation, before February 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the commissioner of education and to the comptroller of the treasury.